



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th October 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr. K. James
 Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, P. Haydon, S. Cholwill, K. Elliott, J. McDougall, J. Giles, A. Johnston, J. Medland

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

1255. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Parsons

1256. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1257. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No Questions

1258. POLICE REPORT

Cllr McDougall and the Clerk have been receiving crime sheets through from Neighbourhood Watch. Nothing to report.

1259. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th September, 2014 be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1260. MATTERS ARISING

Item 1234 - Tap Fund The Chairman is working with Malcolm Harris to get the Tap Fund Application completed before Mr Harris leaves in November.

Bank Account An additional signee needs to be put on the bank account. The Parish Clerk issued a mandate which was completed by the new signatory Cllr Elliott, and signed off by Cllr James and Cllr McDougall.

1261. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN								
SEPTEMBER 2014								-
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE								
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	Reconciled	
14.10.14	R Perry	566	£160.00			Salary Sept	Wages	
14.10.14	HMRC	567	£79.00			PAYE	Wages	
14.10.14	Parochial Church Council	568	£600.00			Grant	Grants	
14.10.14	Holsworthy Family Workshop	569	£75.00			Grant	Grants	
14.10.14	Parish Hall	570	£1,200.00			Grant	Grants	

TOTAL	£2,114.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Accounts			
<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 1st September	£2,189.10	£7,311.82	Balance at 19th June 2014
TDCAP Precept	£4,042.00		
	£6,231.10	£0.62	Interest June
Balance at 30th September	£6,231.10	£7,312.44	Balance at 18th July
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account			
At 30 April 2014	£5,039.38		
Quarterly bonus June 2014	£10.05		
Interest June 2014	£0.50		
Balance at 31st July 2014	£5,049.93		

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr McDougall declared an Interest in the signing of the hall grant.

1262. Budget and Precept

The budget for 2014/15 was agreed to have been accurate on the whole. The Grass cutting was discussed as more cuts are needed. The clerk is to check the amount of cuts agreed for 2014/15 for the next meeting. The Parish Clerk is also to check that Mr S Sharp is still happy to be the Snow Warden. Based on these figures/situations still being accurate it was proposed that the 2014/15 budget be accepted with a 2.4% increase for 2015/16. Proposed by Cllr Johnston Seconded by Cllr Medland.

1263. HIGHWAYS

Still no sign at Roly Poly. The state of the road on Littlebridge Hill was brought to attention, as there are a large number of potholes. A sign has also been broken at Bridgemoor Cross, perhaps by hedge cutting. The clerk is to contact Highways on both matters.

1264. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that building works were in the most part complete, with just the rendering to the outside to finish. Bookings are up with more people using the hall. The Post Office is still waiting for BT to organise connections.

1265. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence 17/09/10 – 14/10/14

Received

1. Fare Car Services – forwarded to all councillors with email
2. Parish and Town Council Conference – Forwarded to all councillors with email
3. Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
4. Cllr Barry Parsons – Apologies for meeting
5. Cllr Seymour-Smith – Attendance Register
6. Rural Futures Conference Booking – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
7. LGC Subscription Discount

8. Rural Futures Conference Program
9. Care Closer to Home Commissioning Intentions
10. Devon Senior Voice Meeting
11. Adam Caedmon – Weekly Planning List
12. DALC Training Confirmation
13. Planning Policy Briefing – forwarded to all Cllrs with Email
14. Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
15. Sue Priest RE: Cllr Abbott Resignation
16. Torridge Remittance Advice – Precept
17. Ken James – Playground
18. Trevor Cook – Road Closure – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
19. DCC Customer Service- Street Lighting Enquiry
20. Tara Sanders – Street lighting
21. Martin Prentice Tap Fund – Forwarded to Cllr James
22. Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
23. Libraries Consultation – Forwarded to all Cllrs with Email
24. PCSO Mark James – War Memorials
25. Planning Support – Decision Notification 1/0657/2013FUL
26. DALC October E Bulletin – Forwarded to all Cllrs with Email
27. Highway Review – Forwarded to all cllrs with email
28. Devon Highways – Acknowledgement of report re road/pavement by old shop
29. Emma Tomlinson - weekly planning list – forwarded to cllrs with email
30. Sue Priest – Cllr Vacancy
31. Devon Home Choice Newsletter –forwarded to all cllrs with email
32. Devon Highways
33. Cllr Seymour-Smith – Vodafone
34. Adam Caedmon – Weekly Planning List
35. Ben Eardley – Rural Community energy Fund
36. Community News Round Up – Forwarded to all Cllrs with email
37. PCSO James – Meeting
38. Thomas Carrick – Neighbourhood Watch
39. Library Service Timetable – Forwarded to all Cllrs with Email.
40. Health Watch Voices

Sent

1. All councillors – forwarded emails as listed above
2. Paula Hunter – Cllr Resignation
3. Cllr Seymour-Smith – Notice Board
4. Susan Squire – Torridge – Memorial
5. Devon Highways – Report of Footpath/Road
6. Tara Sanders – Street lighting
7. Cllr James – TAP Fund and Play Equipment
8. PCSO James – War Memorial
9. Creative Play – Playground Repair
10. Neighbourhood Watch Registration
11. Sun Edison - letter

1266. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr James attended a meeting in Holsworthy with Torridge and DCC. Torridge and DCC want to restrict what they are responsible for/own. A group led by Cllr Parsons and the Mayor of Holsworthy, is forming two committees to look at DCC assets in the community to try and save them for the benefit of the local community.

The Local Development Plan for Torridge is still waiting to be approved.

1267. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk is on the November New Clerks course. The Clerk proposed that rather than petty cash, stationary be ordered and the invoices be paid as per all other invoices, and stamps will be paid for by the clerk and reimbursed.

The Clerk also informed the meeting of the quote from Creative Play to repair the bridge in the playground. The quote was proposed to be accepted by Cllr James and Seconded by Cllr Medland. The Clerk is to also ask for a current brochure on play equipment.

1268. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Giles reported that the light by Littlebridge Meadows doesn't work and the hedge is overgrown. The 'Bramble Patch' needs to be tidied up also.

Cllr Giles also reported that the school is at capacity and they are looking at alternative classroom options. Cllr James is looking into the possibility of a Sports Hall.

Cllr Giles offered apologies to the village on behalf of the Football Club for the behaviour of the opposing team's supporters at their last match. The opposing team will receive a fine from the league.

The bin by the playing field is often overflowing. It was suggested it was the responsibility of the FC to empty when necessary.

1254. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

Signature..... Date.....